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R 220900Z SEP 75
FM AMCONSUL NAHA
TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1851
COMUS JAPAN YOKOTA AB
USAGO MACHINATO
18TH TFW KADENA
MARCORB CAMP BUTLER
OAFO CAMP BUTLER
OAC CAMP BUTLER
COMFLEACTS OKINAWA
CINCPAC FOR POLAD

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: MARR, JA
SUBJ: POLLUTION CONTINUES AS ISSUE IN OKINAWA
1. NEARLY SIX WEEKS AFTER THE DISCHARGE OF SOLUTION CONTAINING
HEXAVELENT CHROMIUM FROM THE US ARMY MACHINATO SERVICE ARE (MSA),
THE LEFTIST PRESS AND ORGINATIONS IN OKINAWA CONTINUE TO GIVE THE

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POLLUTION ISSUE HEAVY PLAY. THE MOST RECENT ATTACKS ARE BEING LEVELED
AGAINST THE GOJ. A JOINT LABOR MINISTRY/DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINIS-
TRATION AGENCY TEAM CONCLUDED THAT THE ARMY USES BETTER PROTECTION
TECHNIQUES THAN THE CIVILIAN SECTOR, THAT THE DEGREE OF HAZARD AT THE
MSA IS LESS THAN IN MAINLAND JAPAN, AND, AS A RESULT, MEDICAL EXAMINA
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TION OF FORMER MSA EMPLOYEES (WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE
GOJ) IS NOT WARRANTED. ZENGUNRO (THE MILITARY WORKERS UNION)
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AND THE OKINAWA TIMES CLAIM THAT THE SURVEY WAS "HAPHAZARD",

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SLATED TOWARD THE US SIDE, UNFAIR TO FORMER MSA EMPLOYEES, AND
THAT ITS CONCLUSIONS WERE BOTH IMPOSSIBLE AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE.
2. THE LEFT HAS BEEN ABLE TO PLAY THIS ISSUE FAR LONGER AND LUDER THA
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IT HAS MOST OTHER RECENT ANTI-US BASE ISSUES. THE POLLUTION ISSUE IS
HIGHLY TOPICAL BOTH IN OKINAWA AND IN JAPAN IN GENERAL. IT STRIKES
A RESPONSIVE CHORD WITH THE PUBLIC AND GIVES THE LEFT AN ISSUE
THAT CAN BE PROLONGED TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF BOTH THE US AND THE GOJ.
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